

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 24 are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116(b)(1) because the amendments satisfy a requirement of form asserted in the previous Office Action. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised in the final rejection. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication in the Office Action that claim 25 is allowed.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

In rejecting claim 1, the Office Action asserts that "a motor" is indefinite as there is no previously recited basis for the sewing machine having a motor. Similarly, in rejecting claim 24, the Office Action asserts that "a threading mechanism" is also indefinite.

Claim 1 is amended to more clearly recite the feature that the sewing apparatus includes a carrier carrying a thread cassette and a motor that moves the carrier between an attachment start position and an attachment finish position in the cassette mount. This feature is disclosed in the specification at at least page 6, lines 14-19 and page 7, line 28 through page 8, line 8. Further, claim 24 is amended to more clearly recite the feature that the sewing apparatus includes a threading mechanism provided at a sewing apparatus body side. This feature is disclosed in the specification in at least page 5, lines 9-22.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1 and 24 recite features that particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter disclosed in the specification. Furthermore, the

claims depending from claim 1 are allowable for at least the foregoing reasons, as well as for the additional features that they recite.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-24, and continued allowance of claim 25, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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